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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/518,748 Confirmation No. : 1320
First Named Inventor : Hermann RAABE, *et al.*
Filed : July 26, 2005
TC/A.U. : 3682
Examiner : James Pilkington

Docket No. : 095309.55705US
Customer No. : 23911

Title : Steering Column Train of a Motor Vehicle

PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants hereby respectfully petitions for the revival of the above-referenced patent application which the office of the undersigned was advised by notice dated September 29, 2006 has become abandoned for failure to respond to an Office Action mailed February 27, 2006. Accordingly, this Petition is submitted within one year of the date on which the application became abandoned in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b)(4)(i).

The Office Action mailed February 27, 2006, was never received by the office of record which has a well established mail and docketing operation for the receipt of PTO papers. Abandonment occurred through no fault or oversight whatsoever on the part of the applicants.

On July 28, 2006, applicants filed a Petition Under PTO Rule 1.81, Requesting Resetting of Statutory Time Period to Respond to the Outstanding Office Action, Based on Failure to Receive Office Action. Attached is a copy of



the date stamped postcard indicating receipt of the above-identified paper in addition to a copy of said paper. No response to Applicants' Petition was received.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request the holding of abandonment in the above-referenced patent application be withdrawn, and the July 28, 2006 response be forwarded to the Examiner for consideration.

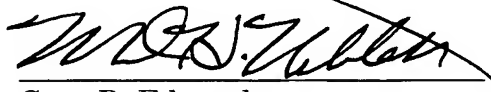
CONCLUSION

If there are any questions regarding this response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 095309.55705US).

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Today's Date: July 28, 2006


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The following has been received in the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office on the date stamped hereon:

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**PETITION UNDER PTO RULE 1.81, REQUESTING RESETTING OF
STATUTORY TIME PERIOD TO RESPOND TO THE OUTSTANDING
OFFICE ACTION, BASED ON FAILURE TO RECEIVE OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.181 and MPEP 711.03(c), Applicants hereby request that the statutory time for responding to the Office Action mailed February 27, 2006 be reset. In support of this petition, Applicants note the following:

1. The February 27, 2006 Office Action was not received by Applicants or Applicants' counsel.
2. Applicants have diligently inspected their records for this application, including the file itself, as well as the pertinent docket records, and have confirmed that no such Office Action is contained or indicated therein.

3. A copy of the docket sheet for this application, which would indicate by an appropriate entry, had such an Office Action been received, is attached hereto.

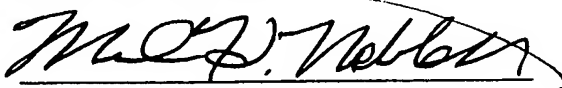
Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the statutory period for responding to the Office Action mailed February 27, 2006 be reset (MPEP 711.03(c)) so that further processing of this application can go forward promptly.

If there are any questions regarding this response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #095309.55705US).

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